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 FROM : PB/NSC Coordinator
 SUBJECT : Presidential Briefings (U)

1. The following is provided for information and planning purposes. Please provide to all affected Offices/Divisions and key personnel. (U)

2. The Director last briefed the President on 23 July. At that time he covered:

- Jamaica
- Afghanistan
- Iran
- Central America

His basic thrust was to identify particular areas of interest and/or issues in these countries which were likely to emerge in the next few months.

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3. Though there is some uncertainty regarding the exact date of the next briefing (due Convention, leave, etc.), the White House has advised it will not be before the week of 18 August (the Director's first week back from leave). Prior to his departure today the Director expressed interest in having several topics explored for possible use whether the briefing occurs on 20 August or is slipped (a key focus for many of these is what is likely to become an issue that may involve some consideration by policymakers in the next few months):

- East Germany: A look at their political, economic, military situation; their foreign policy; their intelligence involvement overseas
- Poland: A brief look at current situation; political and economic dynamics; role of USSR; prospects (effect of flooding on bad economic picture), etc.
- China: With upcoming NPC and possible decision on leadership and pace of modernization, a look at current prospects; expected effect of changes; relationship with new Japanese government, with U.S., with USSR; etc.

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- Indonesia: Current problems and internal tension; problems/issues vis-a-vis U.S. and other key states; prospects for stability/instability; etc.
- Yemens: What is happening; review why Ismail fell and what this means for YAR and PDRY; what Salih is likely to do in YAR; role of USSR, etc., and West; role of Libya and Iraq; etc.
- Soviet Energy Prospects: After 3-1/4 years relook at CIA's forecast, how we feel about what we said; what have others said both about the situation and about what we said (e.g., DIA, [redacted]; not make it a sales pitch but highlight pitfalls in our view (i.e., most likely flaws in our argument))
- International Narcotics: A brief look at any changes in growing areas, trade routes, size and scope of problem.
- U.S. Industrial Mobilization Capability vis-a-vis Soviets: Are the Soviets really ahead in military mobilization potential? If so, why (bigger standing start? longer U.S. lead-time?)? Is famous U.S. industrial mobilization capability a relative myth? Or irrelevant?
- Lebanon-Syria Situation: Potentials for trouble, with effect in Iraq, Jordan, Israel; and on Egypt-Israeli peace negotiations.
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4. In preparation for the next briefing a 1-2 page thrust outline on these subjects, with related background material, should be prepared by 5 August. This will be sent to the DCI for his review/comment/final decision on topics for the (tentative) 20 August briefing. (U)

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